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Harvard, striking dining hall workers reach a deal

The first strike at Harvard University in more than 30 years is over **after about three weeks** of dining hall workers marching around Cambridge to demand a minimum full-time salary of $35,000. Members of UNITE HERE Local 26 will get that pay, after a 12-hour bargaining session Monday. **(Boston Globe)**

Hospital hack compromises confidentiality at Baystate

A phishing scam at Baystate Health may have compromised the personal information of **as many as 13,000 patients**. The cyberattack, which occurred Aug. 22, made its way into the system via email to several Baystate employees. The hospital says they're making changes to workforce training as a result. **(Boston Business Journal)**

New England quilt startups tangled up in court

A Boston startup that makes quilts out of its customers' old T-shirts alleges that a Rhode Island company **stole its trade secrets**. Project Repat, which appeared on ABC's show "Shark Tank," is taking its issue with American Quilt to federal court. **(BostInno)**

Northeastern loans aim to help minority-owned businesses

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh joined Northeastern University officials to announce the school's new Impact Lending program, which will offer **a total of $2.5 million** to Boston businesses owned by women and minorities. The program will target 85 small businesses in its first two years. (Boston.com)

Stocks slip from 2-week high amid mixed profit outlooks

Nine out of 11 groups in the S&P 500 Index declined after blue chips including Caterpillar and 3M cut their estimates, **overshadowing positive earnings** at United Technologies Corp. and Procter & Gamble. Consumer confidence declined in October, adding to the downward momentum. (Bloomberg)

Jewelry's shotgun wedding sale shatters response expectation

People who purchase an engagement ring from Thacker Jewelry in Lubbock, Texas, this week will get a gift certificate for a shotgun or rifle from a local gun store. The company says the response this year **has already been four times** that of last year, when it sold 35 rings. (CNN)

Microsoft expected to reveal Slack competitor next week

Microsoft Teams will **be a web-powered chat** service that helps teams of colleagues or school classes collaborate through group channels, private messages and video-chat capabilities. Microsoft has yet to acknowledge publicly that it is working on the service. Microsoft Teams is expected to be unveiled at an Office event in New York City next week. (The Verge)

AARP cites privacy concerns in suit over employee wellness programs

The social-welfare group for the retired contends that workplace programs designed to **manage healthcare costs** can lead to invasions of employees' privacy. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has given the green light to employers offering workers financial incentives for participation in wellness programs without fear of violating federal anti-discrimination laws. (Reuters)

High finance: Tech firms, investors budding up to cannabis

The massive growth potential of the marijuana business is attracting considerable amounts of investment money. In 2016 so far, the cannabis market has seen 184 capital raises **totaling $666.3 million**, according to Viridian Capital Advisors, a cannabis industry strategic and financial advisory firm. (Crain's)

AARP sues feds over employee wellness program incentives

The consumer group representing older Americans sued a federal agency on Monday alleging regulations allowing employers to promote wellness programs violates federal anti-discrimination and medical privacy laws. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission **released final rules** in May allowing employers to hit workers with substantial penalties if they refuse to participate in wellness programs and hand over sensitive medical and genetic information. (Modern Healthcare)

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